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WASHINGTON, December 27, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 21 totaled 336,085, up 7.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 and up 0.1 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 0.2 percent in the East and up 16.0 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of coal increased by 16,409 cars (14.0 percent); loadings of grain rose by 5,281 cars (19.7 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings increased by 3,000 cars (22.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 51 weeks of 1991 totaled 16,433,046, a decline of 4.5 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 130,807 trailers and containers for the week ended December 21, up 5.2 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 51 weeks of 1991 was 6,161,325 trailers and containers, 0.6 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended December 21 totaled 21.0 billion, up 9.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 51 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 1,020.2 billion ton-miles, down 0.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 21, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 21, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	32,038	26,757	19.7 %	29,071	10.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,180	1,973	10.5	2,235	-2.5
Metallic Ores	16,741	16,365	2.3	15,879	5.4
Coal	133,964	117,555	14.0	134,850	-.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,210	10,339	-1.2	11,853	-13.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,157	8,243	-1.0	8,622	-5.4
Grain Mill Products	10,491	10,391	1.0	10,136	3.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,553	9,224	3.6	9,454	1.0
Primary Forest Products	10,242	9,847	4.0	10,052	1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	5,597	5,595	.0	5,351	4.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,536	10,426	-8.5	9,548	-.1
Chemicals	29,385	31,245	-6.0	27,802	5.7
Petroleum Products	5,429	4,825	12.5	5,318	2.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,045	7,527	-6.4	8,026	-12.2
Coke	5,166	6,020	-14.2	5,380	-4.0
Metals & Products	9,747	10,535	-7.5	9,372	4.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,080	13,080	22.9	17,784	-9.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,105	7,607	6.5	8,552	-5.2
All Other Carloads	6,419	6,459	-.6	6,478	-.9
Total	336,085	314,013	7.0 %	335,763	.1 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 21, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 51 WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 21, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	336,085	314,013	7.0 %	16,433,046	17,215,810	-4.5 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	67,772	69,797	-2.9	3,170,315	3,408,845	-7.0
Containers	63,035	54,598	15.5	2,991,010	2,716,356	10.1
Total	130,807	124,395	5.2	6,161,325	6,125,201	.6
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.0	19.2	9.4 %	1,020.2	1,023.5	-.3 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 51, 1991 - AN, LSI, PLE & TM; Week 50, 1991 - PLE & TM.

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